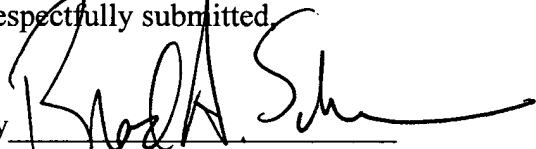


REMARKS

Claim 30 has been cancelled without prejudice for possible submission in a continuing application. New claims 31-37 have been added to the subject application. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the subject application will include claims 1-29 and 31-37.

In view of this Preliminary Amendment, consideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding matters that can be addressed in a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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